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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

EMANUEL SANTIAGO,

Plaintiff,

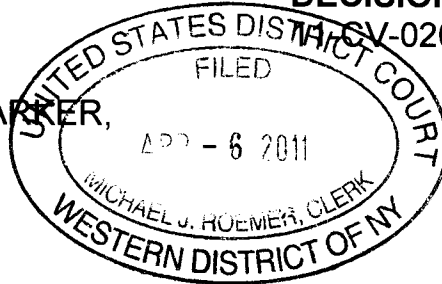
-v-

C.O. CULLY, C.O. BROWN, SGT. BARKER,
LT. LUCAS, RN MS. T. WALSH,

Defendants.

DECISION AND ORDER

11-CV-0204Sc



Plaintiff, Emanuel Santiago, who is incarcerated in the Collins Correctional Facility, has requested permission to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) and has both met the statutory requirements and furnished the Court with a signed Authorization. Plaintiff also seeks the appointment of counsel which is denied without prejudice as premature.¹ Accordingly, plaintiff's request to proceed as a poor person is hereby granted. In addition, plaintiff's complaint has been screened by the Court with respect to the 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e) and 1915A criteria.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to file plaintiff's papers, and to cause the United States Marshal to serve copies of the Summons, Complaint, and this Order

¹A more fully developed record will be necessary before the Court can determine whether plaintiff's chances of success warrant the appointment of counsel. Therefore, plaintiff's motion is denied without prejudice to its renewal at such time as the existence of a potentially meritorious claim may be demonstrated. See *Hendricks v. Coughlin*, 114 F.3d 390, 392 (2d Cir. 1997) (when determining whether to appoint counsel, the Court must first look to the "likelihood of merit" of the underlying dispute).

upon the named defendants without plaintiff's payment therefor, unpaid fees to be recoverable if this action terminates by monetary award in plaintiff's favor.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(g)(2), the defendants are directed to answer the complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard J. Arcara", is written over a horizontal line.

HONORABLE RICHARD J. ARCARA
DISTRICT JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Dated: April 6, 2011